

**REMARKS**


Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. By this amendment, Claims 14-18 have been amended and claims 13-17 have been cancelled.

The amendments made in this response have place the claims previously indicated as allowed or allowable in condition for allowance. No other amendments have been made.

In view of the above described amendments and the foregoing remarks it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of such is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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